

Living the  
**Spiritual Disciplines**



SD #8  
Perseverance & Accountability

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# Living the Spiritual Disciplines



## *Awareness*

We must first gain **Awareness** of any circumstance to change it.

## *Acceptance*

We must next gain **Acceptance** of what we learn before we act.

## *Action*

We must then take specific **Action** to change who we are now.

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## *What is a Spiritual Discipline?*

Activity I do *consistently* that builds  
my relationship with God.

**AND**

Better equips me to respond  
to various challenges of life!

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#1 **Meeting** Christ

*Repentance & Salvation*

#2 **Knowing** Christ

*Study Scripture & Memorization*

#3 **Talking** w/ Christ

*Active Prayer & Journaling*

#4 **Sacrificing** w/ Christ

*Fasting & Tithing*

#5 **Showing** Love of Christ

*Serving Others*

#6 **Sharing** Christ

*Telling YOUR story with Christ*

#7 **Growing** in Christ

*Fellowship & Mentoring*

#8 **Living** w/ Christ

*Perseverance & Accountability*

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***Hold Up The Mirror!***

***What is the  
state of  
MY  
Spiritual  
Discipline?***

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### *Perseverance*

“Keeping at something in spite of difficulties, obstacles or discouragement.”

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### *James 1:2-4 (NIV)*

“<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the **testing of your faith produces perseverance.**

<sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you **may be mature and complete**, not lacking anything.”

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### ***Romans 7:15 & 17 (ESV)***

“<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions.

**For I do not do what I want**, but I do the very thing I hate.

<sup>17</sup> So **now it is no longer I who do it**,  
but **sin** that dwells within me.

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### ***Romans 7:18 (ESV)***

“<sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me,  
that is, in my flesh.

**For I have the desire to do what is right,  
but not the ability to carry it out.”**

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### ***Galatians 6:9 (NIV)***

“Let us not become weary **in doing good**, for at the proper time **we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.**”

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### *Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)*

“<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind** and straining toward what is ahead,  
<sup>14</sup> **I press on toward the goal** to win the prize for which God has called me **heavenward in Christ Jesus.**”

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### ***Accountability***

A **willingness to accept responsibility** for our actions.

The establishment of a ***mutually beneficial relationship***  
in which individuals agree to hold ***each other***  
accountable for their actions.

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### ***Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)***

“<sup>24</sup> **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,** <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, **but encouraging one another,** and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

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### ***Philippians 3:17 (NIV)***

“<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, **keep your eyes on those who live as we do.**”

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### ***1 Corinthians 8:12 (ESV)***

“Thus, **sinning against your brothers**  
and wounding their conscience when it is weak,  
**you sin against Christ.**”

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### ***Matthew 18:15-16 (NIV)***

“<sup>15</sup> If your brother or sister **sins**,  
go and point out their fault, just between the two of you.  
**If they listen to you, you have won them over.**

<sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along,  
so that ‘every matter may be established  
by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ”

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### ***Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)***

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,

“Lord, **how many times shall I forgive** my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered,

***“I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”***”

# *The Invitation*



# ***Awareness***

***Am I willing to***

***look in the mirror***

***& admit that***

***I may need to***

***Offer Forgiveness***

***to someone in this church?***

# *Acceptance*

*Am I willing to admit  
that **Living with Christ**  
by helping others  
is **MY** responsibility?*

# *Action*

*WHEN this week  
will I hold **myself**  
accountable to  
**Jesus Christ?***